Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Elizabeth Ebert was born on February 24, 1925; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Elizabeth Summers married S. J. Ebert on March 20, 1946, at Calvary Lutheran Church in Lemmon, and to this union three children were born: Jonni, Jayne and John, who in turn blessed them with six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Elizabeth's home is on a ranch south of Thunder Hawk where she has found her spirit for writing cowboy poetry and the ranch has been the subject of most of her works; and,

Whereas, Elizabeth not only carries on the American tradition of cowboy poetry through her writings and personal performances, but she was honored to be selected the "Cowgirl Poet of the Year" in 2001 by the Academy of Western Artists. She has traveled the United States as one of the nation's most sought after poets, published four books of poetry and has made several tapes and CDs; and,

Whereas, Elizabeth will observe her 80th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and family gathered to honor and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 24, 2005, as

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in South Dakota, and I join her friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State